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H. R. 3986

To provide for a study of the engineering feasibility of a water exchange in lieu of electrification of the Chandler Pumping Plant at Prosser Diversion Dam, Washington.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 15, 2000

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. CHANDLER PUMPING PLANT AND POWER-**
4 **PLANT OPERATIONS AT PROSSER DIVERSION**
5 **DAM, WASHINGTON.**

6 Section 1208 of Public Law 103–434 (108 Stat.
7 4562) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in the subsection heading, by inserting “OR WATER EXCHANGE” after “ELECTRIFICATION”;

(B) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) as subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), respectively, and indenting appropriately;

(C) by striking “In order to” and inserting the following:

“(1) ELECTRIFICATION.—In order to”; and

(D) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) WATER EXCHANGE ALTERNATIVE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—As an alternative to the measures authorized under paragraph (1), the Secretary may use sums appropriated under paragraph (1) to study the engineering feasibility of exchanging water from the Columbia River for water historically diverted from the Yakima River.

“(B) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out subparagraph (A), the Secretary, in coordination with the Kennewick Irrigation District and the Columbia Irrigation District—

“(i) shall prepare a report that describes project benefits, contains feasibility level designs and cost estimates;

1 “(ii) may obtain critical rights-of-way;

2 “(iii) shall prepare an environmental

3 assessment; and

4 “(iv) shall conduct such other studies

5 or investigations as are necessary to de-

6 velop a water exchange.”;

7 (2) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “or water

8 exchange” after “electrification”; and

9 (3) in subsection (d), by striking “electrifica-

10 tion,” each place it appears and inserting “elec-

11 trification or water exchange”.

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